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SUBJ: MBFR: AD HOC GROUP MEETING MARCH 19 - HIGHLIGHTS

1. CHAIRMAN OF WEEK, TURKISH REP (TULUMEN), OPENED MEETING WITH FOLLOWING FOUR POINT AGENDA: (1) BILATERAL REPORTS, (2) REVIEW OF CHAIRMAN' S REPORT FOR WEEK OF MARCH 12-17, (3) REVIEW OF POSSIBLE ALLIED AND EASTERN PROCEDURAL PROPOSALS AS INDICATED BY QUADRIPARTITE MEETINGS, AND (4) DISCUSSION OF GUIDANCE FOR ALLIED SPOKESMEN AT NEXT QUADRIPARTITE MEETING ON MARCH 20.

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2. BILATERALS - CANADIAN REP PASSED OUT EXCERPTS CONCERNING MBFR FROM POLISH FOREIGN MINISTER' S SPEECH ON MARCH 12. SPEECH REVEALED RATHER HARDLINE ATTITUDE ON PARTICIPATION AND ISSUE OF "BALANCED" REDUCTIONS.

3. CHAIRMAN' S REPORT - REVIEW OF CHAIRMAN' S REPORT OF PREVIOUS WEEK' S AD HOC GROUP MEETINGS CENTERED ON TWO ISSUES: (1) CHAIRMAN (CONDE, PORTUGUESE REP), HAS DEVOTED A PARAGRAPH TO REPORTING EMPHASIS ON FRENCH PARTICIPATION RAISED BY OTHER SIDE DURING PROBE AND RECENT BILATERALS. DISCUSSION LED TO SHORTENING OF PARAGRAPH AND SUGGESTION THAT BRIEF REFERENCE BE MADE TO FRENCH PARTICIPATION ISSUE-- ONLY NOTING THAT OTHER SIDE HAD RAISED ISSUE WHILE AL- LIES HAD REPLIED THAT FRANCE' S POSITION WAS CLEAR AND THE ISSUE WAS A SOVEREIGN QUESTION THAT ONLY FRANCE COULD DECIDE. IT WAS REALIZED THAT EVEN THIS BRIEF MENTION MIGHT BRING QUESTION FROM THE FRENCH IN THE COUNCIL. (2) QUESTION OF STATUS OF CHAIRMAN' S REPORT WAS CONSIDERED; UK REP NOTED THAT COUNCIL APPEARED TO CON- sider the report as a formal report of which entire content is ap- proved by the ad hoc group, while ad hoc group considered it a personal report by the group chairman open to comment by national delegations at nac. MAJORITY FELT THAT WEEKLY EFFORT TO GAIN GROUP SUPPORT FOR FULL TEXT OF CHAIRMAN' S REPORT MIGHT BE VERY TIME- CONSUMING. AGREEMENT WAS REACHED TO INCLUDE IN THIS AND FU- TURE REPORTS A STANDARD STATEMENT IDENTIFYING IT AS THE CHAIR- MAN' S PERSONAL SUMMARY ON THE WEEK' S DEVELOPMENTS. MR. HILL OF NATO WAS REQUESTED TO NOTIFY THE COUNCIL AS REGARDS AGREED STATUS OF THE CHAIRMAN' S REPORT.

4. PROCEDURAL VISUALIZATIONS - FOUR PAPERS ON VISUALIZATIONS OF POSSIBLE PROCEDURAL AGREEMENTS DEVELOPED FROM INDICATIONS REVEALED IN THE CURRENT PROBE AND PREPARED AT REQUEST OF GROUP WERE THEN REVIEWED. US REP DESCRIBED THE PAPERS AS:

(1) PAPER I - THE NAC APPROVED PAPER TO SERVE AS BASIS FOR COMPARISON.

(2) PAPER II - SAME AS PAPER I EXCEPT THE CO- OPTION CONCEPT AS PROPOSED BY THE SOVIETS IS INCLUDED FOR DEMONSTRATION PURPOSES.

(3) PAPER III - A THEORETICAL VERSION OF CURRENT SOVIET PROPOSAL.

(4) PAPER IV - AN ATTEMPT TO VISUALIZE THE UK SUGGESTION FOR A MIRROR IMAGE OF THE KVITSINSKIY PROPOSAL FOR MENTIONING OF 19 AND 11; AN APPROACH THAT DOES NOT SPECIFICALLY MENTION HUNGARY OR LIST THE DIRECT PARTICIPANTS BUT DOES LIST THE AGREED CONSULTATIVE PAR- TICIPANTS. AFTER DISCUSSION, IT WAS AGREED THAT THREE OTHER WORK- CONFIDENTIAL

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ING PAPER VISUALIZATIONS WOULD BE DESIRABLE. ONE WOULD DEAL WITH

UNILATERAL STATEMENTS BY EACH SIDE ON HUNGARY'S STATUS; ANOTHER WOULD PORTRAY THE KVITSINSKIY PROPOSAL IN WHICH THERE ARE NO LISTS OF THE DIFFERENT CATEGORIES OF PARTICIPATION - ONLY A REFERENCE TO THE FACT THAT OF THE 19 PARTICIPANTS, 11 OF WHICH ARE DIRECT PARTICIPANTS AND THE THIRD WOULD BE A MORE PRECISE SOVIET PROPOSAL WITHOUT WESTERN SUGGESTIONS. US REP EMPHASIZED THAT PAPERS SERVED PURPOSE ONLY OF HELPING GROUP TO VISUALIZE VARIOUS FORMULATIONS. VISUALIZATIONS WERE TO BE STUDIED FURTHER AND DISCUSSED AGAIN LATER. UK REP MADE STRONG INTERVENTION THAT PAPER IV WAS NOT A UK PROPOSAL AND ONLY SUGGESTED BY HIM BECAUSE SOVIETS MIGHT FOLLOW UP DUTCH SPOKESMAN STATEMENT THAT WAYS MIGHT BE FOUND NOT TO LIST HUNGARY ANYWHERE. US REP NOTED THAT WE HAD PLENTY OF AMMUNITION TO PROVIDE ANSWERS IF EAST PRESSED US ON MEANING OF DUTCH STATEMENT.

5. GUIDANCE FOR NEXT QUADRIPARTATE MEETING. US REP LISTED SEVERAL TALKING POINTS THAT HE HAD NOTED IN RECENT AD HOC GROUP MEETINGS WHICH COULD SERVE AS GUIDANCE FOR MARCH 20 MEETING. KEY POINTS WERE THAT WE SHOULD: 1) RUN THROUGH REST OF OUR PAPER AND IDENTIFY AREAS OF AGREEMENT/ DISAGREEMENT, 2) MAKE CLEAR THAT PLACING HUNGARY IN CONSULTATIVE STATUS IS NOT A NEUTRAL SOLUTION BUT BIASES ISSUE IN EAST'S FAVOR, 3) NOTE THAT BALANCE OF NEW SOVIET INTERESTS I. G., COOPTION PROVISION, EXPANDED DEFINITION OF DIRECT PARTICIPANTS APPEARS TO BE SHIFTING INEQUITABLY IN THEIR FAVOR, 4) ADVISE SOVIETS THAT OVER- EMPHASIS ON KEEPING DIRECT PARTICIPANT STATUS OPEN TO OTHERS COULD PROVE COUNTER- PRODUCTIVE TO THEIR INTERESTS AND 5) PUSH HARDER FOR MORE DEFINITIVE SUGGESTIONS FROM THE OTHER SIDE. GROUP ACCEPTED LIST AND SET NEXT MEETING OF AD HOC GROUP FOR MARCH 21. Humes

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